Opening of Zoology Section.

243. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state if proposals for the opening of Zoology main section have been received from the Principal of the Science College ?

(2) If so, will they be pleased to state the action taken on them ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) It is reported that the Principal, Science College, has submitted a proposal to that effect to the Director of Public Instruction.

(2) The Director has referred back the proposal to the Principal for further consideration.

Dispensary at Paruttipalli.

244. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state if petitions praying for the opening of a Dispensary at Paruttipalli in Neduvangad taluk have been received by the Administrative Board, Medical Services, and, if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The matter is under consideration.

Official Visitors for the Central Prison.

245. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how often each of the official visitors visited the Central Prison till the 10th Minam this year (1102) ;

(*b*) whether these visits are optional or obligatory under the Prison Rules ; and

(*c*) how many of the visitors, official or non-official, recorded any remarks touching the flogging of a convict as jail punishment in the year 1101 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Of the official visitors, the Inspecting Medical Officer paid three visits and the District Magistrate one visit this year.

(*b*) These visits are obligatory under the rules.

(*c*) No visitor, official or non-official, has recorded any remarks regarding the flogging of a convict as jail punishment in 1101.

The Victoria Jubilee Town Hall.

246. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, was erected on public subscription ;

(*b*) whether it is under the management of a committee, and, if so, who are the members of the committee ;

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(*c*) whether the hall is generally let on hire to the public for holding public or private meetings, etc.;

(*d*) how many times and for what purposes each time the hall was let on hire during 1101 and 1102 and the income derived on each occasion;

(*e*) whether the question of letting the hall on hire for a particular purpose is referred to, and decided with the concurrence of, the Government;

(*f*) whether the question of letting the hall on hire is purely a matter of discretion with the committee or whether the Government have any control over the committee, and, if so, what is the nature of the control;

(*g*) whether the Government had any limitations in their mind to the words "public meetings" when they said that "the hall is let on hire to the public for public or private meetings";

(*h*) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Atchyuta Menon and A. Narayana Pillai had applied for the use of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, for holding a public meeting in order to record the opinion of the public with regard to the "Brooke Bond Concession";

(*i*) whether they were allowed the use of the hall, and if the answer is in the negative, the reasons which weighed with the committee for rejecting their application;

(*j*) whether any prior applications for the use of the hall on the 19th Minam 1102 were allowed or whether the hall was reserved for any other use on the 19th Minam 1102; and

(*k*) whether the Government are aware of the deep disappointment and indignation caused to the public by the action of the committee in refusing the use of the hall on the application of Messrs. Atchyutha Menon and A. Narayana Pillai?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The hall was erected by means of public subscription largely supplemented by Government contributions.

(*b*) Yes. The present members of the committee are Messrs.

S. Parameswara Aiyar, M. A., B. L.,
R. Gopala Pillai, B. A., B. L.,
W. H. Pitt,
I. C. Chacko, B. A., B. Sc.,
J. C. Joyce,
A. Sri Narayanan Tampi,
K. Govinda Pillai, B. A.,
A. J. Van Ross, and
Rev. Fr. Joseph.

(*c*) Yes.

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(*d*) The information required is given below :—

During 1101.	Rs.	As.	P.
Public performances—12	300	0	0
Meetings—4	50	0	0
Private entertainment—1	20	0	0
Rehearsals—3	6	0	0
Total	376	0	0

During the first 8 months of 1102.			
Public performances—9	225	0	0
Meetings—5	62	8	0
Private entertainment—1	20	0	0
Rehearsals—10	20	0	0
Total	327	8	0

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The Government have not so far exercised any control on the matter of letting the hall on hire. They are, however, competent to decide whether the hall should be let on hire for any particular purpose.

(*g*) The question is not understood.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) No. The committee has power to refuse applications for the use of the hall without assigning any reason.

(*j*) The answers to both the parts of the question are in the negative.

(*k*) No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With regard to part (*i*), may I know whether there was any reason for refusing the hall for the purpose on this particular occasion ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The committee decided the question, and the Government did not enquire as to what the reason for it was.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the Government wrote to them enquiring into the reasons for it ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, the Government did not think it necessary.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know why they disallowed the use of the hall without assigning any reason ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The committee is empowered to refuse the use of the hall without assigning any reason.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Did they dream on the previous day ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : When the application was received, they decided the question.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it not a loss to refuse the hall when the public wanted to hire it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The hall is not intended for revenue purposes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it not generally hired?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is, for occasions which are accepted to be proper by the committee.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it justifiable on the part of the committee to refuse the use of the hall when there is no specific purpose for which it is reserved?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They have their own reasons for refusing the use of the hall. The committee consists of 9 members, I believe. They considered the question and decided that the hall should not be given.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know if it is not given for raising revenue by letting the hall on hire for dramatic purposes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I say the object of the hall is not for obtaining revenue. When it is let to private persons, rent is levied.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With regard to part (*k*), may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that some leading Vernacular papers criticised adversely the action of the committee in refusing the use of the hall?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. the Government are not aware.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to try to see whether there were any adverse opinions in the Vernacular papers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not think it necessary at this stage to examine the matter.

Publication of Revised Education Code.

247. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is it a fact that the Education Code is under revision at present, and, if so, will the revised edition be available to the members of the Council before the Budget Session of this year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Education Code is not under revision at present.

Graduates in the Anchal Department.

248. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many graduates were entertained in the Anchal Department since 1096; and

(*b*) their present position and pay?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) A statement* furnishing the information is laid on the table.

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